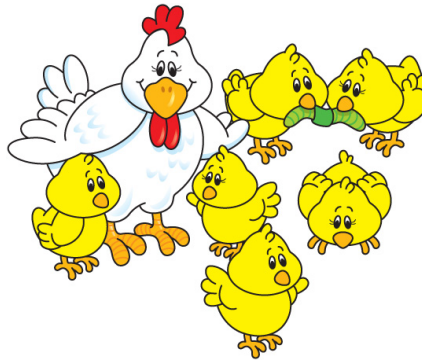




2022 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR

4-H/FFA PULLET PROJECT



SPONSORED BY:

Putnam County Fair Authority, Inc.

EDUCATIONAL ADVISORS:

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ENTRY DEADLINE:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021, by 5pm to Ag Center (111 Yelvington Rd., E. Palatka, FL 32131)
(limited to 26 Putnam/10 St. Johns, first come first served entries)

MANDATORY MEETING:

Sat., October 16, 2021, 9:30 am at Putnam County Ag Center Auditorium
111 Yelvington Rd, East Palatka, FL 32131. Following the meeting will drive
to Country Feed and General Store, 2420 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177, for
bird dispersal ***Format of meeting may be altered due to federal, state and
county policies & regulations.**

- Information, Record Books and your pullets will be issued

FAIR ARRIVAL:

Saturday, **March 19, 2022**, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Use Entrance @ 117 Yelvington Rd (open gate near poultry barn)

JUDGING:

Wednesday, **March 23, 2022**

SALE:

Friday, March 25th, 5-8pm via Silent Auction (New Pavilion)

ENTRY FEE:

\$25 includes 4 chicks only. You **MUST** already have a brooder or all
supplies to build a brooder. Make checks payable to Putnam County 4-H

RECORD BOOK:

Issued on **Oct 16, 2021**, and Due at Arrival at Fair on **Mar 19, 2022**

REMOVAL:

Saturday, **March 26, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m. or 30 minutes following Poultry Awards

DIVISIONS:

4-H Cloverbud: 5-7 years old (as of September 1, 2021)
Junior 4-H/FFA: 8-10 years old (as of September 1, 2021)
Intermediate 4-H/FFA: 11-13 years old (as of September 1, 2021)
Senior 4-H/FFA: 14-18 years old (as of September 1, 2021)

PULLET PROJECT INFORMATION

The Putnam County Fair Pullet Project will provide participants with instruction and opportunities to learn to feed, water and care for chickens from the “day old hatchling” stage to “ready-to-lay” pullets. This project will benefit young people by providing opportunities to develop self-responsibility, discipline, and persistence, and it will also provide a pathway into developing the character traits necessary to transition into larger animal projects.

To ensure uniformity (age, gender and breed) and to increase survivability, each participant will purchase 4 one-day-old biddies that have been purchased from the hatchery. Prior to receipt, all chicks will be vaccinated at the hatchery for Marek's Disease and each participant will receive the health related information needed for the care of their new arrivals.

At the end of the project the participants will be encouraged to select their top 2 pullets to enter for judging at the Putnam County Agricultural Fair. Each entry will be judged as a ready to lay set by an unbiased official and ribbons will be awarded. All age divisions are welcome to enroll but only Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions will be judged. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon for their participation and will be eligible to sell their set with the rest at a silent auction held on Friday night of the Fair. **It will be the responsibility of the exhibitors to identify and invite potential buyers and sales prices will not be guaranteed.**

Project Timeline: From arrival of the chicks in October to check-in at the fair will require **FIVE months** of care. Daily requirements will vary through the course of the project, but the birds will require roughly an hour per day with daily responsibilities changing dramatically over the course of the project.

1. Poultry will be limited to the first 26 entrants for Putnam County and 10 entries from St. Johns County
2. Poultry must be brought to the fair in a ventilated container and may not be removed until the inspection is completed, then may be placed directly into their cages by the Exhibitor. All storage containers must be removed from livestock barn during the fair. Exhibitors must make their own arrangements for delivery and pick up of the birds.
3. Once the birds have been received, exhibitors may not relocate their birds.
4. Exhibitors may not handle birds during the operating hours of the fair.
5. No unauthorized cards are to be placed on the cage except by the contest designee.
6. Exhibitors will be limited to showing FEMALE BIRDS ONLY under the age of 6 months.
7. Exhibitor must decide at time of check-in, if their pullets will be included in the silent auction, or if they will be taken home on Saturday (the final day of the fair).
8. 4-H and Putnam County Fair Authority is not responsible for loss of your birds or replacement animals.
9. Exhibitors are to use the Yelvington Rd entrance at 117 Yelvington Rd when bringing their birds to the fair.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Eligibility of Exhibitor: open to Putnam & St. Johns County who are qualified and active 4-H or FFA members, 5 – 18 years of age (as of **September 1, 2021**), must be enrolled and in good standing (as of **October 1, 2021**).
2. Eligibility of Animal: Exhibitors must have purchased their pullets by the entry deadline.
3. Rules for judging will be strictly adhered to.
4. Due to limited space, birds will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
5. **NO ROOSTERS** will be accepted as a part of this project.
6. Entry forms must be completed, signed and turned in by **October 5, 2021** at 5pm to the AG CENTER in E. Palatka.
7. All eggs laid during the show become the property of the Fair Authority
8. Health Requirements: Poultry will be tested by a livestock inspector on receiving day. State health and USDA requirements will supersede any other rules or health requirements.
9. Removal Date: All Pullets must be removed from the barns on Saturday, **March 26, 2022**, at 6pm or after poultry awards.
10. Record books are required for all age divisions.
11. Fair Authority will feed and water pullets during the fair.
12. **A MANDATORY CLINIC will be held on October 16, 2021, at 9:30 am** at Putnam Agriculture Center Auditorium (111 Yelvington Rd., East Palatka). Followed by chick dispersal @ Country Feed & General Store (2420 Reid St., Palatka). **ALL EXHIBITORS and a parent MUST ATTEND. You will also be picking up your chicks at this time.**
13. You will receive FOUR chicks for your project. You will select your best TWO to be entered in the fair at check-in for the pullet contest.
14. Any and all rules, regulations and/or requirements are subject to change due to any federal, state and local government mandate. If such changes occur, a notification (or notifications) will be issued to agents, instructors, advisors and registered participants via the official registered contact information on file

SALE OF PULLETS

1. Exhibitor must decide, at time of check-in, if their pullets will be included in the silent auction, or if they will be taken home on Saturday (the final day of the fair).
2. Pullets will be sold by Silent Auction on Friday, **March 25, 2022**, from 5-8pm.
3. Exhibitors should make arrangements with their respective buyers on issues concerning pick-up and delivery. The pullets need to be removed from the fairgrounds at 6pm on Saturday, **March 26, 2022** or 30 minutes following the Poultry Awards.
4. Pullets will be sold to highest bidder during the auction. Buyers are encouraged to bring payment that night. Payment is **DUE** prior to the buyer taking their pullets home.
5. Checks from the sale will be issued via mail after the fair.

RECORD BOOKS

1. Record books are required for all age divisions.
2. Record Book awards will be given to the BEST ONE in each category: Junior, Intermediate & Senior. A Ribbon and \$25 will be issued. Cloverbuds do not compete.

ROSETTES & AWARDS

- Awards will be given after judging.
- All Junior, Intermediate & Senior Entries will receive quality ribbons
- No rosettes will be issued to Cloverbuds but they will receive participation ribbons.
- Best of Breed will receive a Rosette
- Best of SHOW will receive a Rosette and \$25
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For registration information please contact:

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